

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 21-90 are pending in the application, with claims 21, 35, 49, 63 and 77 being the independent claims. Claims 1-20 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 21-90 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,721,910 to Unger *et al.* (herein referred to as "Unger"). (See Office Action, page 2). Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 1-20 are sought to be cancelled. Therefore, Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been rendered moot.

New claims

New claims 21-90 are sought to be added. To the extent that the Examiner might make rejections to the new claims that are similar to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-20, Applicants provide the following remarks.

Claims 21, 35, 49, 63 and 77

For the Examiner's convenience, independent claim 21 is reproduced below:

21. A method of enabling a user to organize and analyze information, comprising:
searching an input first group of documents to output a second group of documents;
analyzing an input third group of documents according to one or more analytical functions to output a fourth group of documents; and
selectively iterating at least one of the searching or the analyzing using one of the second group or the fourth group as the input.

Unger does not teach or suggest each and every element, limitation, and/or feature of independent claim 21. For example, Unger fails to teach or suggest selectively iterating.

Unger teaches a unidirectional process that cannot be selectively iterated. Each stage of Unger's six stage unidirectional process takes distinct inputs, which are different in form from each of its other stages, and therefore the output of one stage of Unger cannot be arbitrarily applied as an input to another stage of Unger (See Unger, FIG. 1 and accompanying text). Therefore, neither an individual stage or a combination of stages in Unger's six stage process can be selectively iterated. Furthermore, Unger's entire six stage process cannot be selectively iterated since the output generated by Unger's last stage cannot serve as input to Unger's first stage.

Unlike Unger, FIG. 30 of the present application, for example, teaches a non-linear or multi-directional process that is achieved by selectively iterating searching and/or analyzing. FIG. 30, for example, makes apparent what is meant by selective iteration as recited in independent claims 21, 35, 49, 63 and 77, where any number of additional searching and/or analyzing iterations can be selectively performed.

Assuming *arguendo* that restarting a process is an iteration as suggested by the Examiner, the Examiner fails to show that Unger teaches or suggests selective iteration, whereby the output of one stage can be applied as an input to a previously executed stage. Unger can only perform a linear unidirectional process and does not teach or suggest a non-linear or multi-directional process that is achieved by selective iteration.

For at least the reasons stated above, claim 21 is patentable over Unger. Furthermore, claims 35, 49, 63 and 77 are patentable over Unger for at least these reasons, in addition to the elements, limitations, and/or features recited therein. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 21, 35, 49, 63 and 77 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 22-34, 36-48, 50-62, 64-76 and 78-90

Each of the claims 22-34, 36-48, 50-62, 64-76 and 78-90 depends from one of the independent claims 21, 35, 49, 63, and 77 and is patentable over Unger for at least the reasons stated above, in addition to the elements, limitations, and/or features recited therein. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22-34, 36-48, 50-62, 64-76 and 78-90 are in condition for allowance.

Other Matters

Applicants note that the Examiner did not provide an indication of his consideration of the documents that were submitted in an IDS on March 17, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an indication of his consideration of these documents, by appropriately initialing the corresponding Forms 1449, and providing a copy of the initialed Forms 1449 to Applicants.

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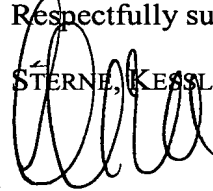
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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